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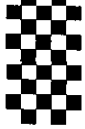
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October 15, 2003

Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Michael Powell,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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I am content to accept the upcoming changes in the broadcast standard, despite the costs, because I believe they will add new functionality and choice. If that change in standard is perverted into becoming a tool for restricting functionality and choices I currently possess then I am outraged and appalled.

The FCC is supposed to be a body acting in the interests of the public. The broadcast flag is not in the public's interest, only in those of a small oligarchy of powerful media conglomerates. The FCC has in the past had to control access to the *public* airwaves only because of the natural scarcity of usable spectrum; its mandate is not and should never be to protect the profits of corporations at the expense of the public's historical right and ability to time- and media-shift materials broadcast over those *public* airwaves.

The proposed broadcast flag would not only restrict legal functionality I enjoy today, but would also restrict and chill innovation in functionality in the future. That is patently the entire and only purpose of the flag; it is therefore patently not in the public interest, and the FCC, as a government organization which is supposed to protect the public interest, should not support the notion. I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

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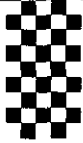
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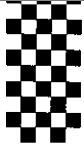
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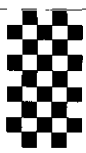
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If I cannot freely receive digital television through my computer, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways unexamined previously? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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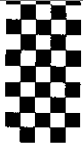
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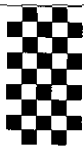
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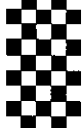
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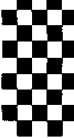
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I currently have a DVR and before that I had 2 VCRs and the DVR has really revolutionized the way I watch TV; no more hassling w/tapes or rewinding and fast-forwarding. TimeWarnerCable provides a very nice DVR that lets you record 2 shows at once while watching a 3rd show on the hard drive. I would hate not to be able to record shows anymore or not at full 1080i quality when their HDTV box comes out.

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You will be killing new and valuable industry by caving to luddites. I want to see advances in technology, not restrictions on its uses because a company thinks it may cost them money. I have a TiVo. I use it daily. Both the manufacturers of the equipment, the TiVo company, and Tribune who sells the programming data, as well as hundreds of small time businesses make money off this market. And it's a market that is constantly expanding. These people deserve to make money as much as the big boys do. And for letting broadcasters throw ads at me through a service that I PAY to have, I deserve to be able to watch my shows whenever I can. I pay for cable. I pay to let them advertise to me, and they make shows just to be sure I'll watch their ads. The least they can do is let me see the shows that I've twice paid for.

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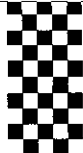
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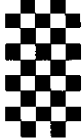
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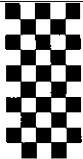
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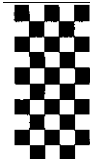
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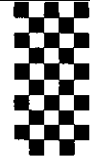
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- * It won't be effective.
- * It will raise equipment costs. The technology is complex, and there will be (and already have been) many malfunctions.
- * The broadcast flag will greatly hinder new technology, including innovative uses of computers and digital transmissions.
- * The broadcast flag will restrict both unregulated-use and fair-use. It will interfere with normal and legal features that consumers have are used to having. This will hinder, not help, consumer uptake of HDTV.
- * The decision of how and when the flag can be activated is too important to be left up to the industry, and too complicated for the FCC to decide itself.

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The MPAA, television networks, and cable carriers cannot be trusted to properly decide when a transmission can have the flag activated. These organizations are oligarchies that have consistently shown little or no responsiveness to consumers. If the FCC see fit to mandate copy protection technology, only the FCC itself can properly make the decision of when something can be copy protected!

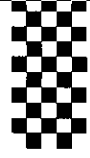
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To do any less is a brazen sell-out to the special interests of the MPAA at a direct cost to the electronics industry, the computer industry, and most importantly the US Citizens!

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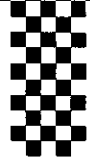
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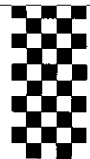
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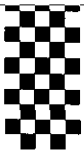
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